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1. APPRECIATE ASSURANCE THAT ROC UNDERSTANDS U.S. WILL NOT GET INTO THE ACT IN ESTABLISHING CONTACT BETWEEN ROC AND PNG. IN ADDITION TO CONSIDERATIONS SET FORTH IN REF (B) (CONSISTENCY WITH OUR APPROACHES TO THE PRC), AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE STRONGLY CONCERNED AND OPPOSED TO SUCH EXPLORATION BY ROC OF CONTACTS WITH PNG. INDEPENDENCE FOR PNG MAY WELL COME IN COURSE OF 1974, AND PNG WILL SUBSEQUENTLY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS OWN FOREIGN RELATIONS. ANTICIPATED AUSTRALIAN ATTITUDE IS NOT RPT NOT BASIS FOR OUR OPPOSING ROC EXPLORATION, BUT IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR CONTINUED GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND AUSTRALIA THAT WE NOT RPT NOT BE INVOLVED.

2. ALTHOUGH AUSTRALIAN INTEREST IN PNG WILL CONTINUE AFTER INDEPENDENCE, AUSTRALIANS WILL HAVE TO ACCEPT
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POSSIBILITY OF DIFFERENCES ARISING WITH PNG GOVERNMENT ON SPECIFIC DETAILS OF DEFENSE, FOREIGN, AND

ECONOMIC POLICIES. ONE SUCH DIFFERENCE COULD BE
CHINA REPRESENTATION, AS KMT ORGANIZATIONS ARE
WELL-IMPLANTED IN PNG.
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